



# Tempe Public Art

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## Colton Brock

*Mill District, 2012*

Acrylic Paint

**Location:** Northwest corner of  
3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Mill Avenue

**Artist Website:**  
[www.spraygraphic.com/coltonbrock](http://www.spraygraphic.com/coltonbrock)

Photo: Matt Winquist

**Description:** *Mill District* depicts the Mill Avenue District viewed in a fish eye or "ant's eye view" perspective. On the street side of the utility box, there is a view of Hayden Flour Mill with Tempe Butte ("A Mountain") in the background. On the sidewalk side of the box is a south-facing view of the W6 Towers. Each color used flows from the bottom of the image to the ground, reminding the viewer that although a photographic image was the springboard for the piece, the artist's objectivity with the materials and color palette takes precedent.

**Artist biography:** Brock is a third generation Arizona native. Both of his parents are natives and his paternal grandfather was born in Clifton in 1923. Brock says that he is most at home in the desert; the heat, mountainous topography, plant life and fiery skies all contribute to the mood of his works.

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